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1. The portion of the Gdynia harbor which at one time belonged to the state firm Paged<sup>1</sup> has been taken over by the Polish Navy. Included are all buildings and port establishments. New buildings, all for navy purposes, are in the process of construction.
2. In that portion of the port nearest to the Gdynia Shipyard, two large halls have been built. These halls are on the bank of the Gdynia harbor which leads directly north and then turns abruptly west. Machines and equipment for shipbuilding purposes are being put in place in the halls. Some of the machines come from Poland but by far the greatest number come from East Germany. A slip, about 70 to 80 meters long, is being built directly in front of the halls; the construction is nearly complete. 25X1
3. All the construction work, it is estimated, should be completed by or during the summer of 1954, and thereafter construction of naval vessels will commence. At first only trawlers and motor speed boats (scigacze) will be built.
4. The above-mentioned halls closely adjoin the Gdynia Shipyard; they are fenced in by a concrete wall wherein are set a few gates which are guarded by sentries of the harbor guard. Entrance to non-authorized persons is forbidden.
5. The Oksywie Naval Shipyard is situated on the bank of the port canal approximately opposite the site where the halls are located. The Oksywie Shipyard has been undergoing expansion over a long period. The port canal in this area has been dredged to a depth of at least nine meters.
6. The construction of the two halls was not included in the Six-Year Plan, and the construction costs therefore have been allocated to the budget

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envisioned for the Gdansk Shipyards and Northern Shipyard in Gdansk. These two shipyards have now been combined under the same management. The merger was necessary for the following reason: the Northern Shipyard, especially, needed new capital to enable it to continue operating as an independent enterprise, and it was considered impossible to invest so much money in one shipyard.

7. In about two years' time, the area comprising Oksywie, Obluze, and Babie Doly will become a military area under exclusive control of the Soviets. At the present time the so-called "unnecessary and uncertain Poles" are being gradually evacuated from this area. In their stead, Soviet military personnel and their families are being moved into the area. In Oksywie, many large houses for families of military personnel, various stores, and military barracks are under construction.
8. Soviet officers who join the Polish Navy invariably bring their families with them, which indicates that they intend to remain indefinitely in Poland. Information has leaked out from naval circles in Gdynia to the effect that Gdynia will eventually become the largest Soviet naval and air-force base on Polish soil. The immense airfield base at Babie Doly comprises a nine-by-four-kilometer area.
9. The SS FUCK has "disappeared." It has been ascertained that the FUCK is not in the shipyards at Gdansk or Gdynia, and it is surmised that she is undergoing conversion to a schoolship or transport. The OPOLE was converted in a similar manner a number of years ago.

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